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# THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE: THE SURVIVAL OF THE BLACK NATION

"WE MUST PUT OUR MINDS ON THE RAISING UP OF THE BLACK MAN IN AMERICA, IN THE CARIBBEAN, IN AFRICA AND WHEREVER BLACK PEOPLE ARE. WE MUST DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN OUR CONNECTIONS AND BUILD BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING TO OUR PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD."

*—Minister Louis Farrakhan*

"ISLAM IS TRUTH; ISLAM IS RIGHTEOUSNESS; ISLAM IS THE SUN OF LAW; ISLAM IS HELP TO THE HELPLESS POOR; ISLAM IS THE DIVINE LIGHT; ISLAM IS THE CRITERION OF JUDGEMENT; ISLAM IS FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY; ISLAM IS SUBMISSION TO THE WILL OF GOD."

*—The Honorable Elijah Muhammad*

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## THE SURVIVAL OF THE BLACK NATION

Edited version of Minister Louis Farrakhan's First National Address to An Oppressed People, delivered November 19, 1978, National Conference of Black Lawyers, Chicago, Ill.

*In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful, the One God To Whom all praise is due, the Lord of the Worlds; the Great God who was to come and indeed has come to seek and to save that which was lost. And we can find no person or persons more fitting the Biblical description of the lost sheep than the Black man and woman of America and the western hemisphere who have been lost from our native land and people for a little over 400 years, but worse than that, we have been lost from ourselves.*

It is written that God would search the earth for His lost sheep, find them and bring them again and settle them on the mountains of Israel. It is written that the Messiah will come and the Jews expect Him; the Christians expect the return of the Christ, the Muslims expect the coming of the Mahadiah or the Mahdi, the Absolutely Guided One.

We, the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad believe that this Mighty One has made His appearance in the world in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due forever. We thank Allah for His coming and for His claim of us. We thank Allah for His Prophets and the scriptures which they brought. We thank Allah for every Black man and woman who ever struggled to lift us from our pitiful and pitiable condition and ease our burden even an atom's weight. We thank Almighty God Allah for Nat Turner, Denmark Vesey, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, David Walker, Edward Blyden, Marcus Garvey, Noble Drew Ali, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, Stokely Carmichael, H. Rap Brown, Ron Karenga, Huey Newton, Adam Clayton Powell, Martin Luther King, Jr., Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Imamu Baraka, Imari Obadele, and a host of others. But I shall forever be grateful to Almighty God Allah for blessing us with a Divine Leader, Teacher and Guide, the man who taught me what I know, and made me what I am, and that man is .... The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah.

I greet you my brothers and sisters who are Muslims: As-Salaam-Alaikum. To the Original Hebrew Israelites: Shalom Alechem. To my Christian brothers and sisters: Peace Be Unto You. To my Nationalist brothers and sisters: Habari Gani. And to those who do not belong to any of these groups or faiths, I say: Peace, Peace, Peace to you all.

I am deeply honored to be here with you this afternoon at the invitation of the National Conference of Black Lawyers under the direction of Dr. Charles Knox and Professor David Hamen.

Minister Farrahkan's Unity Speech rouses (l.-r.) Prince Asiel Ben-Israel, Rev. Al Sampson, Father George Clements, Rev. Charles Koen, Minister Louis Farrakhan (center), Lu Palmer, Dr. Bobby Wright, Dr. Malik Rushiddin, and Haki R. Madhubutti.

### The Tester and His Testament

Again, I am honored to be at Martin Luther King, Jr. High School to speak to you this afternoon. When Martin Luther King, Jr. was alive, we, the Muslims, disagreed with his approach or solution to our problems. But, I remember on the day of Martin Luther King's funeral, as I saw the mules carrying his casket, tears rolled down my cheeks. I was sad to see a Black man of this magnitude, a leader of tens of thousands, murdered in cold blood.

I began to question my emotions, "Why was I more sympathetic to Dr. King in death than I was to him in life?" I went to my teacher, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and asked Him, "Why are we more prone to believe in great men after their death, while we disbelieve and oppose them in life?" He looked at me, smiled and said, "While the tester or testator lives, he is writing his testament, and, as long as he lives, we cannot make a full evaluation of his testament. But, when he dies, he puts a period to his testament. Then, the scholars and the historians can evaluate his life through his words and works and assign him his proper place in history." These words taught me this valuable lesson: no great man while he lives will ever get his due, because we who are contemporaries of great men are somehow blinded by the cares of the time and we never really see the men that we are blessed to walk with until after God removes them from our presence.

Jesus was not so loved while He walked among men, but today there are nearly seven hundred million people who call Jesus their Lord. Prophet Muhammad, the son of Abdullah (Peace be upon Him) was both loved and hated while He lived. But it was after His death that people became converted in large numbers to His message. And now, nearly one billion people on this earth are saying, "I bear witness that there is no God but Allah; and I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

I wasn't so blessed to walk with Jesus of Nazareth 2,000 years ago. I wasn't so blessed to walk with Moses, Prophet Muhammad, or any of those great worthies of God. But I was blessed to walk with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, a man who labored among us for forty-four years, most of which He spent here in the city of Chicago.

### Elijah Muhammad's Labor

The sacrifices that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad made to bring us to the hour of our resurrection, most of you have no knowledge of or very little appreciation for. His mighty work among us I call labor because anytime a man works for and in behalf of Black people to raise us up one level above where we were, that man generally has for his worst enemies his own people. His work is labor and his labor is a labor of long suffering love because he carries the burden of our ignorance, envy, jealousy, hatred and ingratitude.

When we who were blessed to be around Him used to say to Him, "Dear Apostle, why don't you take a rest?", He would look at us and say, "Brother, the only time that I will get my rest is when they plant me six feet in the earth." He said that the mission He had received from Allah (God), to resurrect us from the grave of mental, moral and spiritual death, is a mission that He could not step down or take a rest from. He said that there is no age of retirement in delivering a message of salvation to Black people. You must stay on the job, sick or well, for better or worse, in prison or out, in season or out; you must keep on going until death overtakes you, but, let death overtake you on your post. He is the number one example of this, and this He taught to all of His ministers and laborers.

### Elijah Muhammad's Hopes for Chicago

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad loved the Black people in Chicago and of course Black people in general. But He had a very special place in His heart for the Black people of Chicago. What Allah (God) blessed the Honorable Elijah Muhammad to do in the city of Chicago in the way of progress and reform was not done in any other city by any other leader who ever walked among us. This was a man who built schools, restaurants, supermarkets, set up the most modern printing plant owned by Black people in America, established the internationally respected and acclaimed newspaper, **Muhammad Speaks.** He set up warehouses, small factories, bought thousands of acres of land for the purpose of farming, set up international trade and in one year caused us, the Nation of Islam, to be the largest importers of frozen fish in the United States. All of this

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He did right from the city of Chicago and many of us paid no attention to Him.

It is written in the scriptures, *"If the works done in you were done in Sodom and Gomorrah, Sodom would have repented."* We can find no city in ancient times more filthy and wicked than Sodom and Gomorrah. Yet, there was more work of righteousness and divinity done among Black people in Chicago than was done in that ancient wicked city. But Chicago was blind to the value of a good man in her midst.

You saw "junkies" become clean; you saw wine-heads and prostitutes become clean; you saw social misfits and hardened criminals come to Elijah Muhammad and they also were cleaned up. You saw Him take women who were used to wearing short dresses and He made them love to wear long garments and even though they were mocked and scorned in Chicago and throughout America, they kept their garments on and they walked with their heads up high.

When we came to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, we were unclean and He tried, all the days of his knowing life, to make something out of us. He made the Muslim brothers and sisters so clean and spotless that when you saw them you knew instantly that this was one of Elijah Muhammad's followers. We had our own special mark.

Messenger Elijah Muhammad was a master of subliminal suggestion, placing in your subconscious minds a picture of righteousness and decency that perhaps you were unaware of. He made all of His followers models of cleanliness, decency, courtesy and morality. Naturally there were those who weren't so clean, so courteous, so decent, or so moral, but they were not the rule, they were the exception.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad in seeding your mind with that picture, knew that one day when the reality of that picture produced by his work would be destroyed, that beautiful, clean picture would then come up into your conscious mind as a criterion of judgment. You would then look at men and women, whom you knew were once clean, but had deviated from that standard and you would make a value judgment. Now, many of you are saying from your mouths or in your hearts, "You know, the old man (Elijah Muhammad) had something." So, the destruction of His work has helped to bring you closer to Him and His work. After you did not see His work of reform anymore, you began to wish for that marvelous work to return.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad's hopes for Chicago were that Chicago would one day become the capital of Islam in the western hemisphere. When we say Islam, this turns a lot of people off because Islam is an Arabic word that most do not understand. Hopefully, this afternoon, by the Grace of Allah (God) when we leave this auditorium we are not going to say Muslim, Christian, Hebrew, Nationalist or Marxist in a divisive way, but we are going to see each other as brothers and sisters united by common principles.

#### What is Islam?

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad asked the question, "What is Islam?". And, He answered, "Islam is Truth; Islam is Righteousness; Islam is the Sun of Law; Islam is Help to the Helpless Poor; Islam is The Divine Light; Islam is the Criterion of Judgment; Islam is Freedom, Justice and Equality; Islam is Submission to the Will of God." When you hear me speaking of truth, righteousness, freedom, justice, etc., I will be speaking about Islam but I will use the English equivalent so that you will not say you don't understand.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad saw great power in the Black people of Chicago. To tell the truth, I really didn't understand why the Honorable Elijah Muhammad stayed in Chicago as long as He did, but when I was moved here and walked among the brothers and sisters in Chicago, I began to see also that there is a great power potential among Black people in this city which, if tapped, could turn the whole of Black America in a positive direction.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has always said that if He could get Black people in Chicago and New York to come alive to Truth, the whole of Black America would come alive. Chicago's position can be compared with a nut in relationship to a lug wrench. The wrench is applied on the nut and the nut is at the center. When pressure is applied on the extreme, the nut at the center turns. This is the way the Black man of America would turn if Chicago would hook up at the center and push down on either Los Angeles or New York and the whole nation of Black people would begin to revolve. This is the position that God has placed you in, and this is the position that we must work from today.

#### Re-evaluating Elijah Muhammad

Since the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's three and one-half year departure from us, we have had time to evaluate or re-evaluate this man. The United States government is re-evaluating Elijah Muhammad. Black people in general and Muslims in particular are re-evaluating Him. Although there are many who dismiss Him as a false teacher who dared to call Himself the Messenger of Allah, yet when we turn on our radios, look at our televisions, or read our newspapers, we see coming to pass the things that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad warned us of; demonstrating the fact that, as He is being called a liar, His Truth becomes manifest. And now, many are wondering whether they made the right decision in turning away from Him and His guidance.

#### My Vision Returns

Allah (God) in His abundant mercy has given me back my vision. This is something that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad prayed for and told me about; but, I did not understand it then. In 1968, six months after I began to represent the Honorable Elijah Muhammad nationally on radio, I was invited to the Boston University School of Theology to address 500 Black preachers whom God blessed me to overcome with the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. He wrote me a letter congratulating me; but in that letter there was a very strange sentence which read: "Brother, for that one speech that you made, I will pray to Allah that if you ever turn hypocrite on me, He will go after you and bring you back."

I am not standing before you of myself. For Almighty God Allah, in answer to the prayers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, went after me and brought me back to myself. He has given me back my vision that I might stand before you as a reminder of a Man and a Message; that many thought they would never hear again while many others wished with all their hearts that they could once again hear; (that message) that gave life and hope to Black people here in America and throughout the world.

#### The Days of Famine

It is written in the scriptures, *"Behold, the days come, sayeth the Lord God. That I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor of thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the North even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord and shall not find it."* (Amos 8:11,12) You have Bibles in your hands, you have Holy Qurans in your hands; but you are not able to extract the wisdom from these divine books to solve your personal problems, nor are the scholars and scientists of religion able to extract the wisdom from these books to solve the perplexing problems of our time.

So the Bible teaches: I am going to send a famine in the land, I am going to dry up my word that you weren't paying attention to. And as a result of the word drying up you are going to be like a wanderer, running to and fro, wandering from sea to sea, leaving the north, going to the east and still coming back with an empty bucket.

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#### An Origin with a Purpose

In 1972, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad spoke with Minister Louis Farrakhan and said "Brother, I don't like to talk about this because it gives me great pain but the Nation is going to take a dive for the second time."

When the Messenger saw the pain in Minister Farrakhan's face, He comforted him by saying, "But, don't worry Brother. It will be rebuilt and it will never fall again." It was from time to time He kept saying to Minister Farrakhan, "Go exactly as you see me go and do exactly as you see me do. Now Brother, you can preach this word as strongly as you see me preach it. *But,* you must go according to the way I go . . . meaning that you must practice righteousness or they (the enemy) will piece you in two."

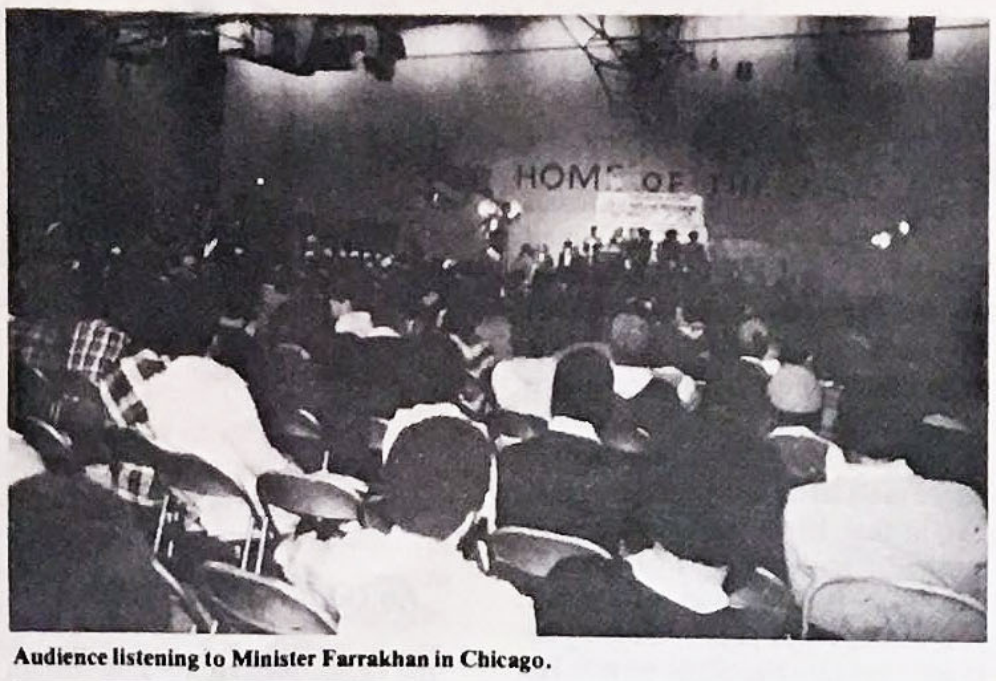
In re-building the Nation of Islam, it is incumbant upon us to retrace the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's steps. The first newspaper that the Messenger produced was in 1934 after His teacher Master Fard Muhammad had left Him with the Mission. The name of that paper was THE FINAL CALL to ISLAM. Therefore, we have chosen to begin as He began.

One day, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said to the Minister, "Brother, if there were any sign or symbol that I would choose to represent my work it would be the trumpet . . . for the trumpet is the sign of the resurrection of the dead."

So, as He began, we begin! THE FINAL CALL is a monthly message published by people dedicated to the resurrection of the Black man and woman of America and the world. All inquiries may be addressed to: The Final Call, Inc., P.O. Box 8154, Chicago, Ill. 60680.

Remember, United We Will Survive . . . and this is THE FINAL CALL.

Minister Louis Farrakhan



Audience listening to Minister Farrakhan in Chicago.

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Brothers and sisters, can't you see that this is the general condition of the people and the leaders. Nothing totally satisfies you. You go from church to church, from school to school, from lodge to lodge, from fraternity to fraternity, and when you think you have found it (the truth) something still seems to be missing. Many of you leave America and make your pilgrimage to Mecca. When you make that glorious journey and march around the Kaaba, even though it is a magnificent sight and a wonderful experience, something is missing. You are not satisfied in your soul. Why? It is because Almighty God wants to bring us to a lesson. He wants us to see and understand that when He dries His word up and takes it out of your hearing, you lose mental, moral and spiritual life. He wants us to see and understand that it was that particular word, which we handled so carelessly, that was what we were depending on to give life to ourselves and to the movement and justification for our existence.

You may not like Brother Farrakhan for saying this, but when Malcolm X was a spokesman for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, that man alone gave life to the Black movement. You may not have agreed with Malcolm when he represented Messenger Muhammad, but you were listening to him and getting ideas from him to shape your movement or your organization. You may not have declared yourself a follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, but many of you read **Muhammad Speaks** newspaper to find out what the Muslims were doing so that you could incorporate it into what you were doing.

### Message to the Black Intellectuals

My dear Black intellectual brothers and sisters. You know how you were. You stood off a long distance looking at the Muslims. You did not want to come too close to us because you didn't want to be identified with "those radicals". But, is it not true that many of those "radicals" helped to open up doors for you? With all of your knowledge, oftimes you were not able to open up doors for yourselves by submitting to the system. It was the radicals who rebelled against the system, who took to the streets, who opened up the door for you to get into the "mainstream" of white American society. So now you (Black intellectuals) have an obligation to the masses of Black people.

### Distress and Affliction

Brothers and sisters, as we come before you this afternoon in a climate of great expectancy, our people throughout America are filled with hopelessness, despair, frustration and bitterness. We are under great distress and affliction. Nowhere that we travel in America do we find Black people content. It is written in the Holy Quran that *whenever Allah sends a Messenger to the people, He seizes the people with distress and affliction that they might humble themselves. Allah* (God) wants us to learn a lesson. For He is not a teacher who gives a lesson and permits us to walk out of His Classroom, slamming the door, and saying: "I ain't listening today—to hell with You, God! I'm going to smoke my marijuana, pop some pills, drink some booze and dance the freak. I ain't got time to hear what You got to say!" It seems that any word which calls us to a right path, we don't want it.

Many Muslims ask me the question: "Are you bringing back the teachings and program of Elijah Muhammad just as He had it?" Why do you ask that? What do you find objectionable to the way He had it? His program is sound and correct. What is needed is refining of our understanding and application of His teachings and program. But the truth of the matter is that most of us want to hold on to the "good time life"; so we will oppose anyone who wants to bring us back to any kind of moral law or righteous conduct.

Brothers and sisters, if we are going to talk about the ultimate challenge and the survival of the Black community, we must recognize that we are not going to survive until and unless we as Black people accept righteous principles which will bring us together as real brothers. Allah (God) does not desire to hurt us; He afflicts us to condition our ears to that beneficial word that we had rejected. Those who say they believe in truth should understand that God is not going to leave us alone on saying we believe.

### Trials Purify

The Holy Quran asks us the question: *"Do men think that they will be left alone on saying we believe and will not be tried? And indeed we tried those before them so Allah will certainly know those who are true and He will know the liars."* (Holy Quran Chapter 29: 2,3.) What good is our philosophy if it can't stand the test of time? What good is our belief in God and our belief in religion if it can't stand up under trial? And most importantly, what good is our word if we can't stand up to that word under trial and under stress?

You give your word to your wife, and I give my word to mine. We say: 'Til death us do part." But, the moment great stress comes, we say: "To hell with you baby, I'm gone." We give our word to each other. We say: "Brother, we are in this movement for the freedom of the Black man 'til death us do part." But the moment a trial comes because of that word, then the heart becomes faint; we get weak and begin wondering what price will we have to pay. Will we have to go to jail? Will we be beaten? Will we lose our lives? We begin thinking of consequences for following the right course. And fearing consequences, we weaken in that course and begin making excuses to cover our own weaknesses, saying something was not right over there. Maybe it is not right in here (pointing to the heart)!

As the Holy Quran teaches, *"Say: we submit, but faith has not yet entered into the heart."* After God sends a teacher, He sends a trial behind that teacher as a means of examining us to see how well we learned our lessons. That trial that God sends is to separate the liars from those who are truthful. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad said, "It is easy to walk with a man in the cool of the evening, but it is hard to walk with that man in the heat of the day." It is easy to walk behind something that is going nowhere, but it is hard to walk behind something that is going down into valleys and up over hills and down into valleys again, and up over mountains; people can't take that up and down. They want a smooth ride. They want a journey with no sacrifices. They want the journey to be short, with a near gain because they are impatient. They want salvation to be just around the corner and so they ask "when will salvation come? I hope it's tomorrow, because, if it's the day after, I don't have the strength to endure." But, God is wise in the way He tries us. His trial of us is not for evil, but for good. If we look into the mirror of truth under trial and see our weaknesses, that is a mercy from God.

***"We have failed every great man that God ever gave us. You and I have crucified every great leader that has ever come to us."***

### A Second Chance

The manifestation of our defects is only to help us to see and correct ourselves so that we may survive the trying days that lie ahead. This is like giving an undeserving people a second chance. If we fail a test which shows up a deficiency, then our task is to turn our weakness into strength and take the test again. Many people say: "If I had my life to live over, I would live it differently". But if God gives us that second chance, how will we act? Whether we are ready for this or not, we have come into the time of our second chance.

We failed every great man that God ever gave us. You and I have crucified every great leader that has ever come to us. The white man urges it, but we are willing to carry out his evil suggestions against our leadership. We are always there crucifying our leaders and teachers. Whenever a man comes speaking that which we don't like, speaking that which goes against our own personal vain desires, we hate that man and fight that man and work to destroy that man and, after he is gone, it is then we say, "I wish I could have him back again, I would certainly treat him differently." Well, God always gives him back to you. But He gives him back to you in another form, carrying the same mind only in a different body. When that mind is manifest or when you hear the word, you should recognize that that is your man and that that is your second chance. Unfortunately many of us are never able to recognize Him because we are quick to judge and say "later for that nigger" and then the same old history repeats itself over and over again.

But I'm telling you and warning you, my beloved brothers and sisters. This is your last chance. This is your final call. For there is something coming on America and something coming on you and me.

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We have got to grow up from the way our fathers acted toward their great teachers and leaders and from what we have done to the great men of our recent past. We must make up our minds that we shall never do this again.

### Stand Up for Truth and Right Principles

We must be determined that if we find truth, we will stand up for it. Standing up for Brother Farrakhan when I came into this auditorium was a great honor to me, but it is an honor that I am not worthy of. The whole object of standing up for a teacher is to teach us something greater than standing up for a personality. It should teach us or demonstrate a willingness on our part to come to attention for the right principles, the Truth, and the justice that that teacher is standing up for.

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If we stand up for a teacher while he is among us, why are our knees so weak to stand up for the principles that he taught after that teacher is gone? It is because, in reality, we were standing for a personality. We did not understand that the person was standing on principles and that is what caused us to stand for the personality. Most of us are very fickle. A teacher can give us right principles but the moment he is gone we look for who else is coming. The scriptures refer to this under the title: *"The Whoredoms of Israel"*. After Jehovah did everything to show Israel that He was their God by bringing them out from under hard taskmasters and heavy burdens, guiding them through the Red Sea and through the wilderness, Moses, their teacher went away and Israel set up another God beside Jehovah. This is what we are doing. It is seen in our private lives, in our personal lives, and in our national life. We cannot hold on to good principles after the principle teacher is gone.

Martin Luther King is gone. But did Truth go? Adam Clayton Powell is gone, but did that spirit to fight for the Black man go? Marcus Garvey is gone. But the principles that he lived and died for, where are they? The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is gone. But the principles that he stood upon that made us stand up for him where are those principles in effect today?

If we say we are with these great men, but are not willing to stand up for the principles that they taught, indeed, we are liars. We don't need guards over us to make us follow right principles. Those principles should be engraved on our hearts by now! Unfortunately brothers and sisters, we are not like that. So, this time that we have come to is a time of the manifestation of the good and the evil that is in ourselves, the strengths and weaknesses of ourselves; to help us get ourselves together so that we might be able to survive and become a part of that ultimate challenge.

### The Reality of Black Disrespect: Problems and Solutions

Brothers and sisters, now it has become unfashionable to talk about Blackness. If Black is mentioned, folk will say to you: "Don't give me that Black stuff, we have outgrown color". They act as though color is not a reality in this world in which we live while every institution in America and the western world perpetuates the myth of white supremacy and Black inferiority.

Don't you realize it benefits our enemies for us not to focus on ourselves? Certainly we don't want to simply say "I'm Black and I'm beautiful" or "I'm Black and I'm proud." This is infantile. But we must start somewhere, so why not start with that which the Caucasian has made an object of shame, dishonor and disrespect for us? Why not start with our Blackness?

But we can not stop there. We must get a knowledge of the "outer" man. Then get a knowledge of the "inner" man. The Black man is no accident. He is no curse. He is the original man. The negative attitudes that the world harbors against Black people are real. I have travelled in this world by God's grace and I have seen that the Black man is not respected anywhere. I have been in Africa and I saw Indians, Pakistanis, Arabs, Hindus, and Asiatic Muslims giving our Black African brothers hell in their own land, robbing their economies, sucking their blood, and many are doing it in the name of Allah! I have travelled in the Caribbean where islands that are 95% Black are ruled by 5% Chinese, Lebanese, Indians, Jews and Caucasians.

You may say "Isn't that a shame?" It is a shame! But the shame is not on others. The shame is on us. If you let a leech stay on you and suck your blood, you deserve it! When you wake up to a bloodsucker, you must move it off of you!

So evidently it is not that something is wrong with the Caucasian, Chinese or Arabs, it is that something is wrong with us that we must deal with in order to effectively deal with the world. We must recognize that it is not the strength of the exploiter, but rather the weakness of the exploited that perpetuates exploitation. The burden of ending the racist attitudes of other people toward us rests squarely on our shoulders. The great Greek philosophers, scientists and scholars who studied under our ancient fathers in Africa never called them nigger. They admired, respected, and honored them. And this can happen again if we, like our fathers, make the acquisition of knowledge our number one priority. Knowledge, properly understood, will give us the power to maximize our strengths and minimize our weaknesses. Then no nation on earth will disrespect us again for we will have become self respecting. Therefore, we must focus on ourselves.

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### Minorities

Now we notice that the news media that once used the terms Black and Puerto Rican to describe us, now call us 'minorities'. The idea of Black inferiority has been planted firmly in our minds. Now we are being made to see ourselves as numerically inferior. This has a debilitating effect on Black people. If we take the world as a whole, the white man is the minority. This is why we are made to see our problem as "local". When we understand that the problems of Black people all over the world are similar and begin to develop international ties, then we will be equipped to deal more effectively with our problems.

We are in a period where we can not hold on to the attitudes that we held about one another or about various Black organizations during the sixties. Because there was a wicked government that came between us, a government that wanted to prevent Black people and Black leaders from coming together, for they recognized that in our coming together we will have the key to our survival.

### Shortchanging Black Youth

We live at a time when our young people have been robbed of the knowledge of our recent history of struggle. You can go to the schools now and ask our young people "Who is Martin Luther King?" And they will give you a very fuzzy answer. You ask them about the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, they never heard of him. Ask them about Malcolm X, or about H. Rap Brown, or Stokely Carmichael, Adam Clayton Powell, Paul Robeson, W.E.B. DuBois and Marcus Garvey, and you will find that they know very little or nothing at all of our recent years of struggle.

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Brothers and sisters, can't you see that this is an artful scheme that was begun years ago to make sure that we would lose this generation? The best generation we have ever produced is our young people and the powers that be are determined to rob us of them. If our young people are not knowledgeable of our own recent struggle, how can they continue the struggle for freedom, justice and equality?

Many of our young people feel that there is nothing to struggle for and certainly nothing to struggle against. During their formative years they were fed on Black exploitation films. So the young brothers and sisters have no proper Black role-models or heroes to emulate. So they end up emulating the characters in the films— Superfly, dope pushers, hustlers, pimps and the like. Our young girls are filling the streets of the large metropolitan cities as prostitutes.

If our enemies have so boldly robbed this generation of the knowledge of our recent struggle, right in the face of those of us who came through that struggle, then what true history do we know about the last 400 to 4000 years of Black struggle against white domination? Have they told us any truth concerning ourselves?

Where are our historians? Are we waiting for whites to write the textbooks on the history of the sixties? Or shall we write them? Are we waiting for whites to research our ancient history and teach it to us? Or shall we do that?

We must cherish men such as Dr. Chancellor Williams, John Henrik Clarke, Lerone Bennett, J.A. Rogers, Dr. Yusef Ben Jochannon, John Hope Franklin, Carter G. Woodson, W.E.B. DuBois, Cheik Anta Diop, and others, who have and are dedicating their lives to researching the history of our recent and ancient struggles.

### Busing Our Children

Now they have you running around like a chicken with your heads cut off, running to integrate, busing your children all over the country, to achieve what? To achieve what you call 'better' education? What you are saying in your minds is that you can't get quality

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education in a classroom with all Black children. And that's a lie! What you are saying is that if I bus my children to the suburbs, they are going to get better education because they are in school with white children, and white people educate their children better so mine will be educated better.

Walter Cronkite did a special recently on education saying that since the Brown versus Topeka Kansas Supreme Court decision of 1954, which struck down segregated public schools, 42% of all of our Black children graduated from integrated high schools are considered functional illiterates. CBS was saying that Black children are worse off now than they were before! Why? If the textbooks that Black children read, which contain negative things about themselves, are not changed to reflect the real contributions that Black people have made to the advancement of civilization and to every discipline, then sitting white and Black children together to study from a purely white perspective only helps to reinforce the myth of Black inferiority.

### Destruction of Black Institutions

We are witnessing the systematic destruction of all Black institutions. The Black colleges are being strangled. They don't ever want to produce another Stokely Carmichael at Howard University. They don't ever want to see a revolutionary mind come out of the Black colleges. So now the Black college is being squeezed out of existence. And the sickening part of this tragedy is that whites are standing in the background whispering into the sick minds of Blacks, causing them to call for the destruction of their own institutions. Some of our misguided "educators" are openly asking "What do we need Black colleges for now?"

As much as we need medical attention, Black hospitals and hospitals that serve Black people are being closed down all over the country. Brothers and sisters, this is serious. For we are now at the mercy of unscrupulous medical practices that are using Black people for experimental purposes with drugs and with new techniques in surgical operations.

Black businesses that yesterday did what little they could to service our community are being closed down because they can not effectively compete with the large business chains that are moving into our neighborhoods.

### The Castration of Black Leadership

We are witnessing the castration of Black leadership. While some of our leaders have capitulated entirely to the program of the Carter administration, others are criticizing the administration, yet placing themselves in the position to be completely dependent on the "goodwill" of government to correct the worsening condition of Black people. Black leadership must develop an alternative to begging the United States government to solve the problems of Black people. Then they would not have to use implied threats that Black people may take to the streets again. This is weak leadership, using the suffering of Black people and the threat of their possible revolt to squeeze a few more tokens from the government. This kind of leadership Black people don't need. This shows that our leaders are still unwilling to take up the responsibility of helping to guide the people in doing for self. Aren't you tired of acting like Lazarus at the rich man's gate, begging for the crumbs that fall from his table? Can't we get up and get a loaf of bread for ourselves?

There are no real voices crying out for the oppressed. There are no real voices speaking for the poor man in the mud. Anytime you hear preachers telling you that racism is dead in America, what you are listening to is not your brother. You are listening to a magician. When you hear leaders tell you that America has changed for the better, you are not listening to your brother, you are listening to a magician. The job of a magician is to create an illusion, to make you think that things are what they are not.

Why is it that Black leaders, when their lives are made a little easier, lose sight of the daily suffering of Black people? Why is it that leaders who are supposed to be the eyes and the ears of Black people, who are supposed to be the spokesmen for the hurt of our people, can now say to President Carter and the administration that we approve of the emaciated Humphrey-Hawkins bill which permits 4% unemployment tied to the inflation index? In other words, if inflation keeps rising, we can forget the bill on unemployment. In fact, we can forget it anyway.

### Black Unemployment and its Consequences

Brothers and sisters, we have come to a very dark time in our history. The unemployment rate of Black people is so staggering that Black men wonder how will they be able to take care of themselves and their families. Black men are saying to themselves today "How can I assert my manhood if I don't have money to satisfy the requirement of a head of a household? How can I be a man if nobody creates a job for me and I don't know how to make a job for myself?"

So, with the unemployment rate of our people skyrocketing, the only alternative is that Black males are forced by necessity to join the United States army, navy, and marine corps, at the most serious and dangerous time in America's history; a time when America is on the threshold of reaping what she has sown. Black soldiers, men and women, are now stationed in all of the trouble spots of the world, so that, in the imminent event of war, the excess Black population that is not contributing to the viability of the American economy will be drawn off and the ranks of the Black males will be decimated.

It is reported that Clifford Alexander, the Secretary of the United States Army, a Black Cabinet member, stood before a Black organization and called for the return of the


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draft. If this is so, Mr. Alexander knows fully well that young whites will escape the draft by going to colleges, universities, etc., while young Blacks are being pushed out of the colleges into the streets, unqualified to do anything. It is also reported that he said he is not alarmed that the armed forces are filled with Black people. But, as a thinking Black man, I am not only alarmed, I'm deeply angered and concerned that the United States government, that doesn't give a damn about our people and our people's needs, will use the same people they care nothing about to defend a democracy and a freedom that Black people have yet to enjoy.

Of the 400,000 inmates that are in prisons and jails throughout America, over 300,000 of them are Black or Brown. Although we make up 12% of the population, we are 75% of the inmates of penal institutions. Does this mean that we are a criminal people? Or does this mean that the society is criminal in its oppression of us as a people. The cream of our Black males fill these jails and prisons and they fill the ranks of the armed forces of America. Other young Black men are standing on the corners of the cities of America, having turned into drug addicts and thieves, waiting for some hardworking family to leave their home so that they can break into apartments or homes and steal.

Where are our women going to find hope for and fulfillment of their lives with their men destroyed or being turned into homosexuals? This was Pharoah's plan against the multiplication of the children of Israel, the destruction of all Jewish males. This is the plan of the United States government, the destruction of the Black male.

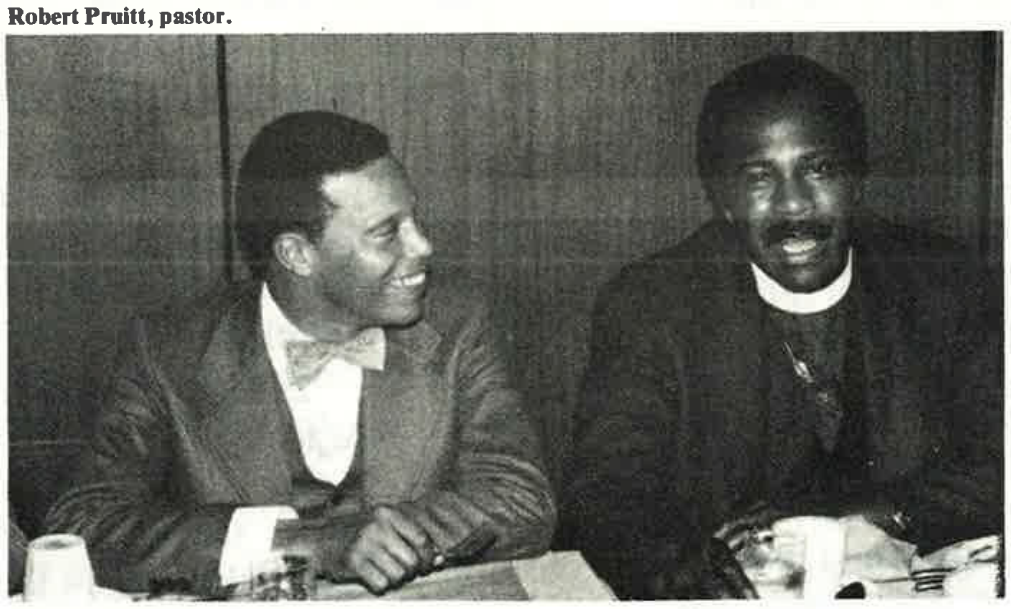
Our elderly can't walk the streets in peace without being mugged, robbed and killed. We are witnessing and taking part in the destruction of ourselves as a people. We are killing our youth and preying upon our elderly. Do you think this is an accident?

### Black Removal from Inner Cities

Do you think it is an accident that Black people are being moved out of the inner cities throughout America? Wealthy white financiers are sending money into the Black community to ferment gang warfare, paying young Blacks to kill Blacks and to terrorize the neighborhood. Parents who want a better life for their chidlren, though unable to move, begin saying "I've got to move, I've got to get out of this neighborhood." A few families move out and paid arsonists move in, burning empty houses and setting fire to fully occupied houses, killing many Black and Puerto Rican families. Oftimes, the city leaves the burned-out house standing next to your decent property. So you begin fearing that maybe your house will be burned down and you begin thinking that it is time for you to go. The city increases your taxes. This is done to force you to sell. And usually you sell at a loss just to get out. Then the same wealthy whites buy up those blocks, tear down the old houses, and build up condominiums that you can't afford to live in, thus forcing Black people out of the inner city into the suburbs.

Even in the south, in the last ten years Blacks have lost over 5 million acres of land. This is making us totally dependent. Government leaders are looking at us at this moment and asking themselves, "What are we going to do with them? We don't have anything for them to do." They are thinking of, planning and carrying out a program of genocide. Is there any proof of genocide? We are talking on the ultimate challenge. The survival of the Black community.

**Minister Louis Farrakhan addresses the Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, D.C., Rev. Robert Pruitt, pastor.**



### Genocide

I attended a police conference recently and, according to their statistics on the use of deadly force, in the city of Chicago, 7 Blacks are killed for every 1 white by police. In the city of Philadelphia, 22 Blacks are killed for every 1 white by police. In the city of Boston, 30 Blacks are killed for every 1 white by police. Police statistics say that more Black males are being killed today by policemen than were being lynched by racist Ku Klux Klan mobs at the turn of the century! If lynching was a form of genocide, what is the police killing of Black people today?

According to what I have read, white scientists have developed something called "ethnic gas". For those of you who say that all of us are the same, evidently not, because now white scientists have developed a gas structured according to the genetic and chemical makeup of the different races. They can actually put gas in a room that is genetically constructed to kill Black folk, or to kill Semetic people, or to kill Asiatic people.

The ultra right wing in America is growing at a fast rate of speed. We are witnessing the return and the rebirth of the American Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan. Justice Thurgood Marshall in a recent speech at Howard University said, "the Ku Klux Klan used to wear white; now they are wearing black." It seems that he was hinting that the mentality of several of the Supreme Court justices is the mentality of the Klan. Is this the reason why the Supreme Court has been handing down decisions that have been reversing the gains of the sixties? The movement of the country toward the extreme right is seen by many as a vindication of President Nixon. Now he is returning.

"The Holocaust," which was recently shown on national television, was portraying white inhumanity to white. But how many Black people who saw this telecast put themselves in the place of the Jews and white America in place of the Nazis? The Jewish middle class was used to deceive their own Jewish brothers and to pacify them as they were walking into the gas chambers. Jewish musicians were used to play beautiful music to pacify the Jews as they were walking to the gas chambers. Is this the role that middle class Black America is being shaped to play today?

What is the role of the Black musician, the Black artist? Is it a role to keep us popping our fingers and dancing to deaden our sensitivity to the approaching modern gas ovens?

The ultra right, according to their spokesmen in written documentation, have been stockpiling weapons all over America. They have hidden bunkers in different parts of the country and in those bunkers are weapons of every kind for conventional warfare. According to what we have read, they are stockpiling rockets in these bunkers so that if Blacks take to the streets and revolution takes place in our communities, the ultra right will be able from their own communities to fire rockets into the reservations or ghettos where we live. They admit that their chemists are teaching whites all over the country how to make nitroglycerin, how to create germs in their own laboratories. And they are developing poisons that are very difficult to detect. This is not something that we are making up. These are words that they, the ultra right, are saying and writing.

The rifle clubs in America are full. Gun shops are selling everything up to and including submachine guns. White women and children along with the men are out on the shooting range, and the target that they shoot at is a black form. Subliminally, the white community is being fed a steady psychological diet that will make it easy for them to kill Black people.

### Death to the Black Man

Brothers and sisters, I am not making this up. Those of you who want to say Farrakhan is a racist, I say no, no, no. You go and look, and you will see it for yourself. Many pictures that are being made by Hollywood are carrying the same 'death to the Black man' message. Look at the picture "Death Wish". What was it about? A man, victimized by crime, becomes a vigilante, goes out with his pistol, killing young Black folk involved in crime. One young Black brother tries to rob a grocery store. He is shot and then his body is beaten with a tire iron. Ask yourselves, what is this feeding into the minds of those whites who view these kinds of films. The vigilante walks away at the end of the picture a hero, which suggests to the white audience that there is no blame on you if you go out and kill niggers.

In a magazine called "1984", appeared a cartoon depicting a white man teaching his children how to use M-16 rifles, telling them how once a year they go hunting on the animal reserves. Who do you think the animals are? Where do you think the animal reserve is? The cartoon depicts the animals as you and me, and the animal reserves are the ghettos throughout America. The man and his son went on this hunt. They kicked in doors in the ghetto and started killing Black people. And this father says to his son: "Okay son, it is now your turn to get your kill." And there was a fat Black woman about 8 months pregnant and the man's young son shot her down; his father then took a knife, disembowled her, reached into her stomach and pulled out a little Black baby and held it up by its feet saying: "This is the veal that your mother loves to eat."

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**The Honorable Elijah Muhammad**
**Messenger of Allah**

*This timely article was written by The Honorable Elijah Muhammad on September 9, 1965 but it is still relevant to today* and *tomorrow. We feel that the impact of His words support the vital need for the unification and survival of the Black Nation.*

The Final Call *reprints these words of the Messenger in hopes that all brothers and sisters in America and around the world will heed His Message and recognize the absolute necessity to Ressurrect the Nation.*

**The so-called Negro, the Lost and Found members of their Black Nation the aboriginal people of the earth, must learn today that the time has now come for them to either unite with their own Black brothers or suffer the consequences. It is factual. You must know that this is the time of separation and not the time of trying to force unity and integration with those who have made merchandise of you, and who still do not want you as a member of their society.**

**You are trying to force yourselves on the known people who never wanted the so-called Negro in their society. This is causing much trouble and will continue to cause trouble and bloodshed. This same people, (white America) must also recognize the truth—that they will either have to give you up or treat you with honor and respect. This they can never do for any length of time.**

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## Teachings of The Holy Qu

### SECTION 1

### Chapter 18, Verses 1-12

**In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.**

**1 Praise be to Allah! Who revealed the Book to His servant, and allowed not therein any crookedness,**

**2 Rightly directing, to give warning of severe punishment from Him and to give good news to the believers who do good that theirs is a goodly reward,**

**3 Staying in it for ever;**

**4 And to warn those who say: Allah has taken to himself a son.**

**5 They have no knowledge of it, nor had their fathers. Grievous is the word that comes out of their mouths. They speak nothing but a lie.**

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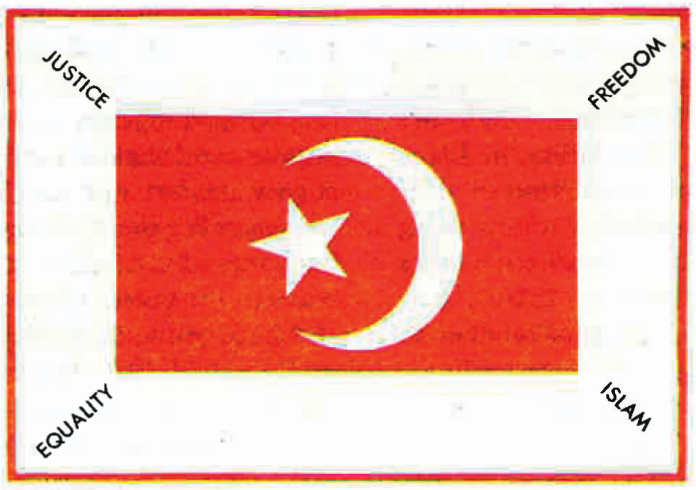
By Elijah Muhammad

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WE WANT PEACE ourselves.

How does it look for someone to try and get peace outside of America, when there is no peace inside America. There is no sane human being who does not want to live in peace, but we cannot force our own terms for peace on another people. We have to allow other people to suggest their own peace terms also. They have their own peace terms as well as we.

This is the thing the European White race has never wanted — to submit to the peace terms of the Black man and his way. Today, the white world must remember that they must recognize the Black world, for the Black world is coming into its day. Therefore, by the grace of Allah (God) and His guidance, the Black world will not agree to be ruled by the white world any longer.

Here in America, the disunity of the so-called Negro is caused by the fact that everyone who thinks he can be heard in one little town or city, wants to be the leader of his people. But they do not have the power or the strength to force their desires of some certain group or organization, as it is not in accord with Allah's (God's) plan.

As I have said, repeatedly, we have come to the place where God Himself is putting His hand into the welfare and future of the so-called Negro. Time and again I have told you that I am the Messenger sent from that God of Whom, it was so long prophesied, would come and seek the Lost and Found Black members of the aboriginal Black Nation.

As it is written, "Except the Lord build the house your work is in vain." With you, He is ordering the labor and the material for the house. We have been so poisoned by the devil that we cannot accept the righteous guidance of Almighty God, Whose proper name is Allah. We can only expect trouble for ourselves when we try to oppose Almighty God's plan for us.

I preach separation, as I know it is best for my people, myself and the world of our kind. However, separation by my people here in America is contrary to their desires. They want unity and friendship with their slavemaster's children and to remain a servant to the white man, while God wants us to separate and go for ourselves, as He did through Moses 4,000 years ago in regard to Israel. So will it be in this day and time. We will separate — those who want to be separated — because He must do that which is predicted of Him by His prophets.

If you only knew the time; that this world cannot remain the ruling power because in the day in which they were created, time was limited for their rule (6,000 years). They have ruled for this length of time and now they are overtime.

We do not try to store up arms, nor are people trying to supply us with arms. As I have repeatedly said for (42) years, Allah (God) wants the job of defending us, Himself. "Do not carry arms; just be peaceful people. Vengeance Belongs to Allah."

Hurry and Join onto Your Own!

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Now you may say that this is nothing. But subliminally and overtly, they are feeding their people the idea that you and I are animals and they should not feel badly about ridding the country of the Black population of animals. They are also suggesting the killing of Black women and the destruction of their unborn children which is now being carried out in abortion clinics throughout America. This is why the Honorable Elijah Muhammad asked the sisters to come off the streets at nights and get into their homes. And if our sisters have to be out at night, He said that they should be accompanied either by their brother, father, husband or some male friend.

In a picture recently released called "The Boys From Brazil", the word is said quite openly: "We don't have to worry about Jews anymore, its niggers we have to be concerned with." These pictures are not aimed at you, though you sit and watch; they are instructive to their own kind. In a picture called "The Swarm", dealing with African killer bees, a chant goes up in the movie and they stop saying "the bees are coming, the bees are coming" and begin to say over and over again: "the Africans are coming, the Africans are coming." What they are really saying is the Black man is rising and the judgment of our world is coming. Be prepared.

The atmosphere is being seeded with death. I am not trying to alarm you. I am just trying to alert you, my beloved Black brothers and sisters, that evil is spread far and wide and we have to get ourselves together and quickly in order that we may survive. The government seems to be listening to the right wing. The politicians that used to be so liberal are not liberal anymore. Look at the way they are moving to get rid of Black politicians. You may not think Senator Brooke meant anything to Black people, but Senator Brooke was on a powerful committee that dealt with public broadcasting. His was the voice that made sure Blacks were represented in public television and now he is gone.

In the media, when the riots stopped, and Blacks were not considered newsworthy anymore, what happened to you, my brothers and sisters in the broadcast industry? They began to ease you down and ease you out. Now practically all of the Black television shows that began in the middle and late sixties are gone. Nothing that relates to you and me is of value anymore in white America.

### We Can Survive

The time is very, very dark. Black people feel as though there is no way that we can survive. Solomon writes in the scriptures, *"God dwells in the thick blackness."* In the Genesis, God emerges out of total blackness. He creates light and life and makes all life to bear witness to His own beginnings in darkness. For you and I are conceived in darkness. All life is conceived in darkness and then comes into life and light. This is teaching us a magnificent lesson: that when things get so dark and so hopeless and the odds seem to be so mighty against our survival, yet if we remember that God dwells in the thickness of that darkness, we can retire to the center of that darkness and find light and life in darkness to come out of that darkness with a new beginning, a Genesis.

I don't care how dark the picture looks, we can survive. I know it looks bad; I know it looks bleak; but we can survive. You ask, how can we survive? I would like to give you three tests that Almighty God gives to us before we even come to birth to show us that we are well able to survive no matter how hard the rigors of life. Brothers and sisters, we must never give up. When you get to that point where you feel you are losing a grip on your mind and things around you are falling apart, and you feel yourself unable to cope with the pressures and the rigors of life, stop and think and believe that you can overcome.

How can you prove that I can make it brother? The Honorable Elijah Muhammad pointed us to that insignificant sperm which is the base of our life and asked "Have you considered that the sperm is emitted into a hostile environment to begin the journey to make life?" There is no environment more hostile to life than the vaginal environment that the sperm is emitted into. The environment in which the sperm is cast is so hostile that if that sperm does not swim quickly, the acids and alkali in the vaginal tract will kill that sperm. Why does God choose to start life in a hostile environment? Allah (God) speaking to us in the Holy Quran teaches: *"I have created man to face difficulty."* He does not create us to run from difficulty; He created us to look difficulty straight in the eye, overcome it, master it, and move on. For the only way we can discover what God has implanted within us is if we are made to go through trials, tribulations and difficulties.

According to biologists, the sperm count in one emission ranges from one hundred million to a billion. What are the odds that you would have made it here? The odds range from 100 million-to-one to one billion-to-one! You have never faced any odds in your life greater than the odds that you faced before you came to life!

Brothers and sisters, in order to impregnate the egg, the sperm has got to swim against the pull of gravity.

### Three Tests of Survival

These are the three tests that God has given to each of us as proof of our worthiness to face and overcome all the struggles of life. Test number one: a hostile environment; test number 2, overcoming overwhelming odds; test number 3, pulling up against the force of gravity.

No person or people become great having an easy time. Most of you think that if God loves you, you are supposed to have life on a silver platter. God, and life, does not work that way. We must get away from that old ignorant way of thinking. God has ordained struggle for all living things. Man has struggled to conquer the hostile environment of the jungle and he has. Man has struggled to conquer the hostile environment of the desert, and he has. Man has struggled to conquer the oceans and its depths, struggled to conquer mountains, and he has. Man struggled to conquer the hostile environment of space. Nothing remains in the path of man who is resolved or determined to succeed. If we conquered the most hostile of environments to life before we had a developed intelligence, what should we be able to do now that we are developing a higher degree of intelligence?

### Our History is Survival

Our fathers came across the Atlantic Ocean in the holds of ships during slavery. This journey was called "the Middle Passage". Many of our fathers and mothers were lost in the ocean. Some scholars give very conservative estimates of 100 million lives lost in the Middle Passage. But who made it to the shores of the West Indies and the shores of America? Only the strongest of the strong. No wonder the scriptures teach us that the race is not to the swift, but to that one who can endure to the end.

And that is what the real challenge represents. It represents the furthest point beyond which we can not go. It represents contest; it represents struggle. However, if you jump into that struggle, know that you can survive. To survive means to outlast, to outlive, to go beyond. It means to stress one's power to endure as in overcoming difficulty. If we want to survive, there is a way. I know that the enemy has plans. We should consider his plans. Yes, his plans are deadly, his might is great, but the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said the unity of the Black man would give us a weapon more


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### We Must Unite

If Black people came together anywhere in America, there is nothing that we could not have if we wanted it. The unity of 30 million of us in America would guarantee our survival. In fact, the unity of one million of us in America would guarantee survival for all of our people. To achieve survival, however, there are things that each of us must sacrifice. There is no way to survive unless we come into unity, and there is no way to have unity unless we give up the things that keep us from having unity. Survival starts with you and me. Don't look to big government plans. Look to yourself and ask yourself, am I as an individual willing to struggle, to exert myself to the fullest to ensure that I outlast what is coming upon this world? If you make the commitment and say yes, then there is a job that you have to do right now as an individual.

Don't tell me you want to survive and you are smoking a cigarette. If you don't have the will to stop smoking a cigarette that contains 19 deadly poisons, stifling your lungs, poisoning your bloodstream, interfering with your ability to think and see clearly, then let's not talk about the greater problem because we have already failed the test on the simple problem. For how can we talk about survival and engage in that which kills self.

### Deal With Self First

You may say "I thought you were getting us ready to deal with white folk!" Brothers and sisters, if we deal effectively with ourselves, we have already dealt with them. There is no way that they can come against us except through the weakness of self. So if we make the effort to clean up and correct our internal weaknesses, then our enemies have no door through which to come to weaken our effort to survive.

How much do you want to survive? The greater our desire for survival, the greater should be our will to strengthen ourselves. We must also understand that eating the wrong foods, and even eating too much of the best foods, is not good for our health if we want to survive. During the plague in Europe, the Jews survived. And many of the ignorant, seeing the Jews surviving the plague began to kill the Jews thinking that they had brought the plague about. But they later found out that what caused the Jews to survive was their diet: they were eating day-old bread or bread that had molded, and in that mold was penicillin and that penicillin caused them to survive that plague.

### Eating To Survive

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has taught us how to eat to live. The dietary laws that He gave us are not foolish. If those of you who once followed those dietary laws just look at yourselves in the mirror and see how your skin looks and how you look since you stopped eating the way He taught us to eat and you will bear me witness that there is a great difference in your skin and in your health. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was easing us away from eating meats. He knew that eating meat is not good for us. So, the first meat He stopped us from eating was pork. He said we must stop eating pork as of yesterday! I know that pork meat tastes sweet to you, but we must begin to eat food that gives health and strength to ourselves and our community. We should study about pork. Go to your libraries and read about it and the trichinae worm that it carries. If we put the right gas in our cars, why would we put the wrong food in our stomachs when food is the gas that runs our machine?

***"Don't tell me you want to survive and you are smoking a cigarette. If you don't have the will to stop smoking . . . then let's not talk about the greater problem because we have already failed the test on the simple problem."***

***"If we promote and live our principles as Christians and Muslims and Hebrews, then we will find out that all of the principles of the great revealed religions are the same. For they come from the Principal Teacher, Allah (God), and He is One."***

Please don't tell me that you don't need anyone to tell you what to do. For every day of our lives someone is telling us what to do and they make us love it. Every maker of a product gives you directions on how to use that product and if we are intelligent we follow those directions to get the best use out of that product. Every sister that cooks prides herself on her ability to follow recipes to get the right results. Every seamstress has to follow a pattern in order to make the garment properly. Every sick person must follow the prescription of the doctor properly in order to restore health. Allah (God) created this body; should not we follow the wise directions of the Creator, the Best Knower, and let Him teach us how best to use this body and this life?

In the Bible, those old worthies of God lived 700, 800, 900, nearly 1,000 years. If a tree that grows out of the earth can live a thousand years, and some animals can live 100, 200, 300 years, why is it that we, the greatest of God's creation, are here on this earth just a few days, and are cut off at 50 or 60, few of us hardly making 3 score and 10 (70 years). At 55 and 60, nearly all of our teeth have fallen out. The hair is gone. The health is gone. This is no way to survive. You might as well say that you are killing yourself every day by eating the wrong kinds of foods and drinking the wrong kind of drinks. Mr. Muhammad warned us that we are digging our graves with our teeth.

### Self Extinction

Some of you will go and light up your marijuanas, or get a little cocaine. How can we talk about the survival of the Black man yet engage in the Black man's extinction. Some of you are so greedy for money that you left religion and went to selling dope. Some so-called "Muslims" are doing this. Some Moorish Scientists are doing this. Some so-called "Christians" and "Hebrews" are doing this. If we want to survive, we must stop doing those things which contribute to our destruction. If we want to survive, we must stop promoting banners or ideologies and denying the principles that support those banners or ideologies.

### Living Our Principles

If I tell you I am promoting Islam, and my life is a denial of the principles of Islam, then I have lied. If you tell me you are a Christian, don't promote your banner, live your principles. If we promote and live our principles as Christians and Muslims and Hebrews, then we will find out that all of the principles of the great revealed religions are the same. For they come from the Principal Teacher, Allah (God), and He is One.

In this auditorium, there are Nationalists, Marxists, Pan Africanists, Christians, Hebrews, Muslims and many different denominations of Christianity, and some different sects of Islam. Although we represent many factions or fractions, there is a common denominator that can unify us all. We learned in the sixth grade that if we want to bring a fraction to a whole number, we must reduce the fraction to its lowest terms, find the least common denominator, then we can solve the fraction by making it a whole number. The Black man in America and the world has already been reduced to our lowest terms. Now we have to find the least common denominator, and we can become whole again.

### The Common Denominator

If you say you are Christian, you are telling me that you have been crystallized into oneness with God through Christ. You are telling me that you have submitted your will to do the will of God through Christ. If you tell me that you are a Hebrew, you are telling me that you have crossed over from a life of rebellion to God, a life that caused man to fall, and you now have crossed over into a life of obedience to God's will through Moses and the prophets. If a Hebrew follows the laws and principles given by Moses, how can you be different from a Christian? If the Muslim follows the law taught by Prophet Muhammad from the Holy Quran, how can you be different from the Christians and Hebrews? If a Christian loves God with all his heart, soul and mind, and loves his neighbor as himself, and does nothing unto anyone that he would not like to have done unto himself, and the Muslims love Allah and worship no God but Allah, and love for our brother what we love for ourselves, if we carry out these principles, how can we as Christians and Muslims meet each other and start fighting? Righteousness plus righteousness equals righteousness!

You say "I don't believe in religion, I'm a Nationalist!" Every Nationalist recognizes that in order for the Black man to have a nation and develop institutions that answer our critical needs, there has to be certain moral guides, ethical rules of conduct and right principles that we must follow. Those principles are the same whether in God or not. What is important if we must achieve unity is that the principles must be exalted. This will stop ideological argument.

How many of us want to see institutions built that answer our own needs, will you raise your hands? It seems as though all of us do. How can we build these kinds of institutions if we are going to be thieves and rob the treasures that will build these institutions. A Nationalist robber, a Christian robber, a Hebrew, Muslim or Marxist robber, can not be tolerated. Stealing has got to be stamped out among us as a people! You say "I only steal from white folks, I don't steal from Black folks." Stop lying! If you steal from anyone, you'll steal from anyone! A crook does not know how to be discriminate.

### Principles for Survival

If we want to survive, we have got to give up stealing. (Somebody just fell out of the survival race.) (smile) If we want to survive, we have to give up lying. For anytime we lie we undermine our own character development. No matter how bad the situation seems, if we tell the truth, we begin building our character, and when we build character, we create trust in each other, we build confidence in each other. How can any institution that we build survive if we don't have any trust or confidence in one another? And none of us can have confidence in a liar.

We must strive to make our word our bond. That is a principle of survival. Can we have unity if we are gossiping about each other? Can we create brotherhood spying on one another, back-biting one another? Once we are prone to gossip, and doing dirty things behind each other's backs, the enemy of our uni-

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ty sees this. He has his electronic devices on us night and day. And once he finds us weak in character, he uses this to destroy our organizations and discredit us. So each one of us has to police ourselves. The program of survival starts with you and me. If we would just stop doing the negative things that we do to each other, we would be 50% on the road to survival.

### Message to Muslims

To my Muslim brothers and sisters, I want to encourage you that, whether we want the responsibility or not, we were and we can still be the righteous guides for the people. But Muslims have to come back to the principles of righteousness that we have foresaken. The Muslim has to return to himself or herself. The Muslim has to recognize that the mission of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was and is the resurrection of our people. If we the Muslims are not thinking about the rise of our people here and all over the world, then our minds are not on the proper thing. We must put our minds on the raising up of the Black man in America, in the Caribbean, in Africa and wherever Black people are. We must develop and strengthen our connections and build bridges of understanding to our people all over the world.

### Message to Leaders, Teachers and Scholars

Every leader, every preacher, every teacher, every scholar must recognize that we must stop being hirelings and start being good shepherds. A hireling is one who does what he does for money. If we only lead for money, teach for money, guide for money, prestige and vain glory, soon we will lose those who once looked to us for guidance. We must challenge injustice wherever it is and the people will walk with us. But we have to be willing to make the sacrifice ourselves.

Black intellectuals and Black bourgeoisie: we need you! Your brain power has got to stop thinking all day and night for ITT and IBM and the big corporations and banks of America. You must give some of your energy and expertise to the liberation struggle of your people. You must learn that no one man can rise above the condition of his people. You must learn that your people are depending upon you. You must learn that you need your people because the white man is cutting you out little by little. If you don't quickly recognize that you need your people as your people need you, then as the economy falls, and the white man's problems intensify, he is most assuredly going to increase his misuse of you and then throw you back in the laps of your people. You must come home to self!

### Love Ye One Another

Dr. Martin Luther King spoke to us rightly when he admonished us to love. But, Dr. King guided us to love a people that are other than ourselves before he guided us in the love of self. If you and I would take that great doctrine of the New Testament and apply it in our own homes, in our own neighborhoods, we would survive. What is the doctrine of the New Testament? It is a doctrine of the power in Divine Love: We must learn to love one another.

If we love our brother and sister, we must be willing to turn the other cheek. I repeat. We must be willing to turn the other cheek. I don't mean if you are punched in your mouth that you must permit yourself to be punched again. That is insanity. Turning the other cheek means if your brother insults you, don't fly off the handle, reach in your pocket and kill your brother. Learn to take an insult from another Black person and forgive them because you know that that brother or sister is ignorant and has been turned against the love and good of self. You have forgiven white folks for 400 years of perpetual and continual abuse. But you won't forgive your son or daughter or husband or wife, or mother or father or neighbor, or your friends. What have any of them done to you that equals the evil that white people have put upon us for 400 years?

We must develop the strength to resist evil, but we must also develop the strength not to always return evil for evil. For if we always return evil for evil among ourselves, we will only multiply evil in our community. But if we oftimes will return good for evil, the hardened heart of the Black man will soon soften and life and love will pour forth.

When we are trying to reach the soul or essence of the Black man which has been destroyed, the real man is not on the surface. The real Black man, the inner man, is buried under the crust of the filth and degeneracy of this world. He has hardened himself against himself, hardened against truth, hardened against his people, hardened against his own freedom. So, when truth strikes him, it must be able to penetrate the hard crust and burrow deep into his heart. For, at the core of the heart of the Black man, there is a reserve left and if we can reach that core of the Black man's heart, out of it will come that which will survive, that powerful love and soul of the Black man which can only be tapped through suffering his foolishness until we can turn him around.

### The Messenger's Example

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was and is the prime example of this dedicated and Divine Love. The more the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was talked about, the more Black people worked against Him, the harder He worked for our good. And now in His departure your heart is beginning to open up for that man and what He taught. We must follow His noble example and be that way toward each other. He never returned evil for evil. Whatever we asked of Him as a leader, He gave us that and then some.

We must realize that we have been under the power of death itself and it is going to take a lot of patience and long suffering to get us up from where we are. If we would love each other half as much as we have loved those who have destroyed us and our fathers, we would survive. The Black man is going to try your patience if you desire to help him. It is not going to be easy. He is going to curse you; he is going to fight you; he is going to put up an ugly face as you try to work with him. But you have to be able to look beyond the ugliness to see the jewel that is buried in that Black man. And you must work with him; even though he spits on you, discipline yourself not to spit back. Keep working with him and slowly but surely you will see the Black man come alive and open up like a flower. And when he finally bursts forth, everything that we need to survive will be right there within you and within me. Remember, it is written *"The Kingdom of heaven is within you."*

***"If we would love each other half as much as we have loved those who have destroyed us and our fathers, we would survive."***

Let there be no more hate-filled and divisive talk among us. Let there be no more separating of us because of religious beliefs. Let there be no more separating of us because of differences in ideology. Go to the root and you will find that the root is one.

### We Are One In God

Brothers and sisters, I am a Christian. I am a follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, yet I am a Christian because I have been crystallized into oneness with God. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad said the best Christian is a Muslim. And the best Muslim is a Christian. What about the church, Farrakhan? Are you against the Black church? How can we be against the church when the church has been the institution from which has come every good thing that we have had. The church has its failings, but if we have something good should not we bring it to the church and bring the church alive? If the church comes alive, we as a people come alive for the church is a major part of our Black experience. Therefore, we could not deny the church.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad used to go in the churches when they would let Him. Sometimes the preachers got a little jealous and stopped Him. But today the church is opening her doors more and more to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and His Message. And if they open the doors for us, we shall certainly go in. And we will help the church grow, and the church will help us to grow, for no more shall we recognize or feed artificial barriers and divisions that keep Black people away from one another.

***"Let there be no more separating of us because of religious beliefs. Let there be no more separating of us because of differences in ideology."***

### I Am Hebrew

Yes, I am a Hebrew. How did you get to be a Hebrew? I crossed over. Where did you cross over? They said Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan and they say that the Jordan is muddy and cold. When you cross over from a muddy existence, a filthy and degenerate life, to a life of righteousness, and when that heart that was once cold to God, self, truth and each other begins to turn warm, then you know that you have come alive in truth. Then you have indeed crossed over. So don't deny me as a Hebrew. I am that and then some.

### I Am Baptist

I am a Baptist. How are you a Baptist, Farrakhan? Because I have been baptized. What do you mean you have been baptized? I was not baptized in water. Because if you immerse a man in water, he may go down a fool and come up the same fool. But wisdom is to the mind as water is to the flesh. How can we talk about unity unless we have been baptized with a divine knowledge that makes us see each other for the first time as brothers? I have been baptized not only with the wisdom of God but with the fire of the spirit of that wisdom. I am a Baptist.

### I Am Methodist

You say, "I'm a Methodist" and I say, me too! How are you a Methodist, Farrakhan? Methodist only means one who is learned in and committed to the method of Christ who said I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. If we study the method of how Jesus worked in a

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wicked society and go according to that method, we will be successful. I am a Methodist because I have studied his method and I am employing and applying his method right now. And it is a winner.

### I Am Catholic

I am a Catholic also. If Catholic means universal, how can you tell me that I am not a Catholic if I believe in God who is a God of the universe and truth is universal. The same God that lights the east, lights the west. The same truth that was in the east has now come to the west. So if truth is universal, how can I be anything else but Catholic?

If we don't understand words and their meaning and application, then words and symbols can become instruments of division and death.

### I Am Jehovah's Witness

I am a Jehovah's Witness. How can you be a Jehovah's Witness, I've never seen you in the Kingdom Hall? That is because Kingdom Hall is only a sign of the real Kingdom Hall. The real Kingdom Hall is not the hall, the real Kingdom Hall is an idea whose time has come. It is the messianic idea of bringing the divine will of God that works in the heavens to the earth to work among men. Yes, I am a witness of Jehovah. I could not stand here and talk to you without being a witness for the God who caused all things to exist and by whose mercy I exist.

### I Am Moorish Scientist

I am a Moorish Scientist. Why are you saying you are Moorish? That is a name that was applied to the Black people of Northern Africa who were Muslims. They were called Moors. And a scientist is one who gives himself over to the study and application of facts and knowledge. So I am a Moorish Scientist.

### I Am Nationalist

Well, are you a Nationalist Farrakhan? How could you be a Nationalist and a Universalist at the same time? It is easy if you understand. Yes I am a Nationalist because I believe that the Black man needs to have a nation of his own and that the right of self determination is a universal principle. The Chinese have their own, Indians have their own, Greeks and Italians and Jews have their own. What is wrong with the Black man of America having something of his own? God bless the child that has his own. I want to see something of our own. Don't you want to see schools that you own, hospitals that you own, banks that you own, land that you own, ships that you own? If you do, you're a Nationalist too!

Well, Farrakhan, you say you are an Asiatic Black man while we say we are African people. Don't leave me out brother. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad just went to the root that is all. We know that Africa is a beautiful continent. That's where we came from. But it didn't always have that name. It got that name from Europeans. One of them was a conqueror named Africanus and the other was an explorer by the same name. So in that sense I am an African too, meaning that geographically we came from that part of the world. But don't make a mistake about what the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said. For not only does that part called Africa belong to us; He said all 196,940,000 square miles of this earth belongs to us, and the other races are on land that we gave them!

The scripture teaches: *"Honor thy mother and thy father that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."* The Honorable Elijah Muhammad said that we are the original people and that we gave these other people land. If you doubt it, go look and see if we were not there before all others got there. There are Black people on the island of Japan. In the south of China, there are Chinese that are jet black. In the southern part of India, those Indians are jet black. Wherever you (Caucasians) want to claim as yours, we will show you we were there before you. So be careful how you tread on the earth because the Bible teaches *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness Thereof"* and we are the Lords that the earth belongs to, brothers and sisters.

But, we are Asiatic too. For the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has taught us that the whole earth at one time was called Asia. And we, the original people that lived on the earth, called ourselves by the name of our planet. So you see, when you look at the roots, you find out that we are all together. So why should we deny each other?

### I Am Socialist

Well, brother Farrakhan, all that is okay, but I'm a Socialist, a Scientific Socialist and a Marxist Leninist. Did you know, brothers and sisters, that Almighty God, in His wisdom, created man a social being? And did you know, brothers and sisters, that Almighty God created us to subordinate our individual desires for that which is best for the common good? Did you know brothers and sisters that, as the Bible and the New Testament says: *"Every man according to his needs"?* Did you know that Karl Marx did not invent that system? Mr. Marx did a great work with what he got from us. But he and they, meaning white socialists and communists, used our system in their way. We have to go to the roots!

Look at this wonderful human body. Karl Marx did not create this. Food comes into this body through the mouth and it goes down into the stomach where it is oxidized, turned into a liquid and fed into the bloodstream. As the blood carries it about, every organ in the body takes out of the bloodstream what it needs to keep it functioning in harmony with the other organs for the common good of the whole. Everything according to its needs. Now, if that was created by the wise Creator, then don't claim socialism for yourself. Don't claim African communalism for yourself. All belongs to us. We are the originators of it. And I'm telling you, brothers and sisters, we have to go back to that because we can no longer survive if we think, live and act as individuals. You have to recognize that if you have a bowl of soup and your brother has none, half of your bowl belongs to your brother. In order to survive, we have got to share what we have.

### The World Community of Al-Islam

So, are we really divided? Well, brother, I heard you had some serious differences with the World Community of Al-Islam. What about that? This is true, we do have differences. But don't you step into those differences. Don't meddle in those differences. Allah (God) in the Holy Quran says that *He is The Judge of those things about which Muslims differ.* So we leave our differences in the Hands of Allah.

But I have to do what my conscience dictates, and my conscience dictates to me that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's plan and program for Black people is the best plan and program, and that program is an absolute necessity. My conscience dictates to me that that program needs no changes, no alteration; no one should corrupt it. My conscience dictates to me that I must follow the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah. (God). My conscience dictates


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to me that I must stand firmly on the principles that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught, and build on the foundation that he laid for the good of all of our people.

#### The Ultimate Challenge

If we would today begin to think that our differences are minor, and our internal enemies are major, and work to scrutinize and uproot those internal contradictions, then we will have faced the ultimate challenge.

For the ultimate challenge is not the white man. The ultimate challenge is ourselves. The ultimate challenge is not the United States government. The ultimate challenge is the foolish and weak government that rules our brains. The ultimate challenge is to root out and destroy the negative forces within ourselves. Once we can root out those negative forces within ourselves and recognize that the hostile environment within ourselves and in the society is what we need to flex the muscles of our will, and once we recognize that, even though the odds are great and seem overwhelming, that they are not odds that we can not overcome, and once we realize that we must pull up against the gravity of our vain and personal desires that keep us self divided, then we will survive.

We must recognize that each of us is flesh of each other's flesh, blood of each other's blood, and bone of each other's bone, and reach out and teach one another.

After reading this, say in your heart and in your mind: "I am going to try to be a real brother to my brother and to my sister. And to those of you who say we must be a brother to the whole world, I say, yes, we must. But don't try to be a brother to the whole world before you have been successful at being a brother to yourself."

Face the ultimate challenge. Overcome the ultimate challenge. And We Will Survive!

# TEN BLACK COMMANDMENTS

### Principles for Survival

1. **We MUST seek unity with our Creator, recognizing the reality of God, as we search for the Truth which will set us free.**

2. **Brothers MUST commence being *real* men and stop exploiting the weaknesses of Black women by disrespecting and misusing the bearers and nourishers of our future.**

3. **Sisters MUST dress and have a decorum that commands respect, then demand that Black men cease abusing you for present, short-term gratification at the expense of future, long-range objectives.**

4. **We MUST strive for academic excellence, not for the purpose of selfish material gain, but to prepare ourselves for a lifetime of productive service for the elevation and advancement of our people.**

5. **We MUST by our everyday examples challenge our friends, relatives, and associates to cultivate a wholesome race pride which will generate warmth, love, and a spirit of community among us as a people.**

6. **Our bodies MUST be treated as temples of the Holy, therefore we must safeguard our health by consuming good, life-giving foods and drink and not consume harmful, death-dealing drugs and alcoholic beverages.**

7. **We MUST stop imitating the degenerate actions of white people, whose world order is diametrically opposed to the legitimate aspirations of Black and other oppressed peoples.**

8. **We MUST stop lying and gossiping on each other, as well as check our roguish activities, for these actions stunt the growth and development of both perpetrator and victim, thus undermining the faith and trust so desperately needed among us.**

9. **We MUST actively engage in destroying the artificial barriers of political, sectional, fraternal and religious differences which so foolishly divide and fragment our race.**

10. **We MUST, today, work as hard to integrate and be non-violent with *ourselves* as we were, yesterday, to integrate and be non-violent with others.**

***NOTE: The Ten BLACK Commandments were written by Godfrey Patterson, a graduate student of theology at Howard University. These "principles for survival" are based on his perception of Minister Farrakhan's first national address on the survival of the Black community.***

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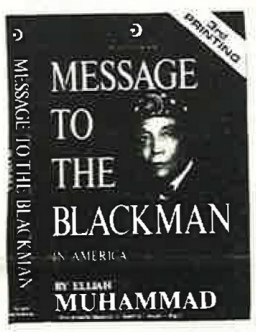


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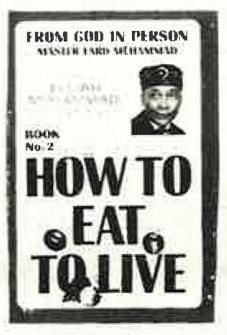


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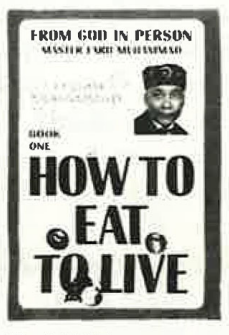


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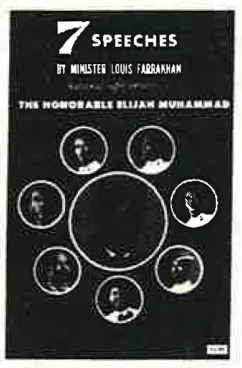


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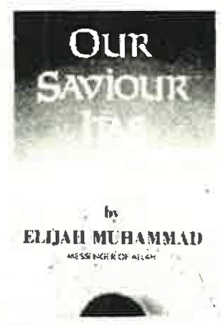


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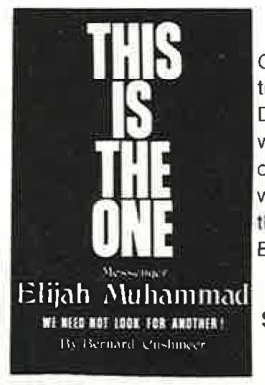


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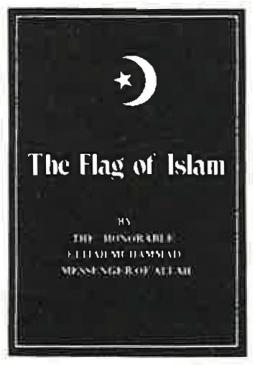


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# The Muslim Program

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad

## What the Muslims Want

**This is the question asked most frequently by both the whites and the blacks. The answers to this question I shall state as simply as possible.**

**1. We want freedom. We want a full and complete freedom.**

**2. We want justice, Equal justice under the law. We want justice applied equally to all, regardless of creed or class or color.**

**3. We want equality of opportunity. We want equal membership in society with the best in civilized society.**

**4. We want our people in America whose parents or grandparents were descendants from slaves, to be allowed to establish a separate state or territory of their own—either on this continent or elsewhere. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to provide such land and that the area must be fertile and minerally rich. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to maintain and supply our needs in this separate territory for the next 20 to 25 years—until we are able to produce and supply our own needs.**

Since we cannot get along with them in peace and equality, after giving them 400 years of our sweat and blood and receiving in return some of the worst treatment human beings have ever experienced, we believe our contributions to this land and the suffering forced upon us by white America, justifies our demand for compelte separation in a state or territory of our own.

5. We want freedom for all Believers of Islam now held in federal prisons. We want freedom for all black men and women now under death sentence in innumerable prisons in the North as well as the South.

We want every black man and woman to have the freedom to accept or reject being separated from the slave master's children and establish a land of their own.

**We know that the above plan for the solution of the black and white conflict is the best and only answer to the problem between two people.**

6. We want an immediate end to the police brutality and mob attacks against the so-called Negro throughout the United States.

We believe that the Federal government should intercede to see that black men and women tried in white courts receive justice in accordance with the laws of the land—or allow us to build a new nation for ourselves, dedicated to justice, freedom and liberty.

7. As long as we are not allowed to establish a state or territory of our own, we demand not only equal justice under the laws of the United States, but equal employment opportunities—**NOW!**

We do not believe that after 400 years of free or nearly free labor, sweat and blood, which has helped America become rich and powerful, that so many thousands of black people should have to subsist on relief, charity or live in poor houses.

8. We want the government of the United States to exempt our people from ALL taxation as long as we are deprived of equal justice under the laws of the land.

9. We want equal education—but separate schools up to 16 for boys and 18 for girls on the condition that the girls be sent to women's colleges and universities. We want all black children educated, taught and trained by their own teachers.

Under such schooling system we believe we will make a better nation of people. The United States government should provide, free, all necessary text books and equipment, schools and college buildings. The Muslim teachers shall be left free to teach and train their people in the way of righteousness, decency and self respect.

10. We believe that intermarriage or race mixing should be prohibited. We want the religion of Islam taught without hinderance or suppression.

These are some of the things that we, the Muslims, want for our people in North America.

## What the Muslims Believe

**1. WE BELIEVE in the One God Whose proper Name is Allah.**

**2. WE BELIEVE in the Holy Qur-an and in the Scriptures of all the Prophets of God.**

**3. WE BELIEVE in the truth of the Bible, but we believe that it has been tampered with and must be reinterpreted so that mankind will not be snared by the falsehoods that have been added to it.**

4. WE BELIEVE in Allah's Prophets and the Scriptures they brought to the people.

5. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of the dead—not in physical resurrection—but in mental resurrection. We believe that the so-called Negroes are most in need of mental resurrection therefore, they will be resurrected first.

Furthermore, we believe we are the people of God's choice, as it has been written, that God would choose the rejected and the despised. We can find no other persons fitting this description in these last days more than the so-called Negroes in America. We believe int he resurrection of the righteous.

6. WE BELIEVE in the judgment; we believe the first judgment will take place as God revealed, in America . . .

7. WE BELIEVE this is the time in history for the separation of the so-called Negroes and the so-called white Americans. We believe the black man should be freed in name as well as in fact. By this we mean that he should be freed from the names imposed upon him by his former slave masters. Names which identified him as being the slave master's slave. We believe that if we are free indeed, we should go in our own people's names—the black peoples of the earth.

8. WE BELIEVE in justice for all, whether in God or not; we believe as others, that we are due equal justice as human beings. We believe in equality — as a nation — of equals . . . We do not believe that we are equal with our slave masters in the status of "freed slaves".

**We recognize and respect American citizens as independent peoples and we respect their laws which govern this nation.**

**9. WE BELIEVE that the offer of integration is hypocritical and is made by those who are trying to deceive the black peoples into believing that their 400-year-old open enemies of freedom, justice and equality are, all of a sudden, their "friends". Furthermore, we believe that such deception is intended to prevent black people from realizing that the time in history has arrived for the separation from the whites of this nation.**

If the white people are truthful about their professed friendship toward the so-called Negro, they can prove it by dividing up America with their slaves.

We do not believe that America will ever be able to furnish enough jobs for her own millions of unemployed, in addition to jobs for the 20,000,000 black people as well.

10. WE BELIEVE that we who declared ourselves to be righteous Muslims, should not participate in wars which take the lives of humans. We do not believe this nation should force us to take part in such wars, for we have nothing to gain from it unless America agrees to give us the necessary territory wherein we may have something to fight for.

11. WE BELIEVE our women should be respected and protected as the women of other nationalities are respected and protected.

**12. WE BELIEVE that Allah (God) appeared in the Person of Master W. Fard Muhammad, July, 1930; the long-awaited "Messiah" of the Christians and the "Mahdi" of the Muslims.**

**We believe further and lastly that Allah is God and besides HIM there is no God and He will bring about a universal government of peace wherein we all can live in peace together.**

**-HE LIVES-**